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CHANGE IN ATTITUDES

1) *Attitudes towards the Palestine problem prior to residing in an Arab country*

It is necessary in order to measure any change in attitudes and the reasons behind the change to find out what were the attitudes of respondents before they were exposed to the new effect. In our case, before they came to our part of the world.

The respondents were asked the following question: Before residing in an Arab country, what was your attitude towards the Palestine problem?

The answers to the above question were analyzed then classified.

Findings: 25 per cent of our sample said that they were pro-Arab or sympathetic to Palestinian Arabs before residing in an Arab country. On the other hand 17 per cent of our sample said that they were pro-Israeli or sympathized with Israel before residing in an Arab country.

The above finding is unexpected. Very few people would think that in any sample of Americans one would find more